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In the Application of:
Peter J. Crocker

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Aperture

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified International (PCT) Application, which is filed herewith, as follows:

In order to reduce the filing fee, and also improve the form of the claims and thereby expedite the prosecution, please cancel Claims 1 - 72 and substitute new Claims 73 - 144.